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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON HERBAL MEDICINAL PRODUCTS ON A
COMMUNITY HERBAL MONOGRAPH ON
EQUISETUM ARVENSE L., HERBA

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It is now superseded by a [new version](#) adopted by the HMPC on
2 February 2016 and published on the EMA website.**

1. The HMPC, in accordance with Article 16h(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC, as amended, and as set out in the appended assessment report, establishes, by a majority of 25 out of 26 votes a Community herbal monograph on *Equisetum arvense* L., herba which is set out in Annex I.

The divergent position is appended to this opinion.

The Norwegian HMPC member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the HMPC.

This opinion is forwarded to Member States, to Iceland and Norway, together with its Annex I and appendices.

The Community herbal monograph and assessment report will be published on the EMA website.

London, 3 July 2008


On behalf of the HMPC
Dr Konstantin Keller, Chair

ANNEX I: COMMUNITY HERBAL MONOGRAPH (EMEA/HMPC/394894/2007)

APPENDIX I: ASSESSMENT REPORT (EMEA/HMPC/394895/2007)

APPENDIX II: DIVERGENT POSITION

One member of the HMPC did not agree with the HMPC's opinion for the following reason:

I do not support the proposed Community Monograph for *Equisetum arvense* L., herba based on the consideration reported below.

The following preparations cannot be considered as medicinal products because they do not differ from common alcoholic beverages, freely sold in wine shops;

- liquid extract (1 : 5) extraction solvent: ethanol 96 % (V/V)/water/dessert wine (16.5/13.5/70) (m/m)
- liquid extract (1 : 5.5) extraction solvent: dessert wine/ethanol 96 % (V/V) (91/9) (m/m)

This could be misleading for the patients/consumers.

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